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In response to the Office Action mailed May 7, 2003, please amend the claims of the

application as follows.

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REQUEST FOR REFUND UNDER 37 CFR 1.26

Dear Sir:

The above-identified United States patent application was filed with the U.S. Patent Office on February 13, 2001 with an indication that large entity status applies. This application was filed with seventy-three claims, three of which were independent claims.

On August 7, 2003, Applicant filed Amendment C in response to an Office Action dated May 7, 2003 (Examiner's Paper No. 23). With the filing of Amendment C, this application contained sixty-five claims, five of which were independent. On September 24, 2003, Deposit

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In view of the above comments, please credit \$324.00 to Deposit Account No. 18-2284 of Piper Rudnick LLP. This sheet is transmitted in duplicate.

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